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**Special Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
June 22, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Heidi Apedaile
Drew Blankenbaker
Tim Campbell
Patrick Hanley
Jeni Seifert
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Rebekah Stamp

District Business:

1. Reports:

None at this time.

2. Consent Agenda:

Board Chair Hanley presented the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

3. Old Business:

None at this time.

4. New Business:

A. Recommendation to Approve the Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan Required for ESSER/APR Funds (Action)

Superintendent Korst shared his draft Safe Return to School Plan with the Board. He explained that because the District was open for in-person learning during the entire 2020-2021 academic year, the Safe Return to School Plan focusses on what the District has already done to address COVID-19 related academic and health concerns during that time. Superintendent Korst advised the Board that the draft Safe Return to School Plan

was more a historical look-back than a clear picture of what the District will do in the future. He also stated that the plan must be updated regularly for ESSER purposes and will be revised throughout the summer and fall. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

B. Recommendation to Adopt the Social Studies Curriculum (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve an update of the District's K-12 social studies curriculum. HHS Principal Wells, HMS Principal Lewis, and Daly Elementary Principal Dowd advised the Board of the specific curriculum updates recommended in each of their buildings. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

C. Recommendation to Approve Paralegal Textbook and Other AP Textbooks (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended approving a textbook for the paralegal course Attorney Lewanski will teach this coming year. HHS Principal Wells stated that the course is a dual enrollment class offered for college credit through Missoula College and the textbook is a necessary component of the course. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

D. Recommendation to Add a Curriculum/Wellness Coordinator (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board of the District's need for staffing in the areas of curriculum and wellness. He proposed creating a new position that would be half-time Curriculum Coordinator and half-time Wellness Coordinator. Superintendent Korst said that he believed funding for this position could be supported through ESSER. In response to Board Chair Hanley's question, Superintendent Korst confirmed that this position would work cooperatively with the Transformational Learning Coordinator to assess how the District's online curriculum works with its standard curriculum. Board member Apedaile asked how many hours this position would require. Superintendent Korst recommended that the position be approved as full time. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

E. Recommendation to Certify the Tennis Courts as a Deferred Maintenance priority Due to Safety Concerns (Action)

Superintendent Korst stated that the District's tennis courts are nearly fifty years old and in a state of becoming less and less operable and dangerous. He advised that certifying the courts as a deferred maintenance priority permits more flexibility with funding for repairs in the future. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

F. Recommendation to Contract with Field Turf to Construct Six Tennis Courts at the High School Athletic Complex (Action / Information)

Superintendent Korst updated that Board on the status of information received from FieldTurf concerning the construction of six tennis courts at the HHS Athletic Complex. Because information was received just one hour before the Board meeting, Superintendent Korst proposed that a Special Board meeting be scheduled for the following week to consider this Agenda item. It was agreed that a Special Board meeting would be noticed for Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

G. Recommendation to Contract with Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board of the challenges presented by the state of CSCT funding and service providers in Montana. He stated that, with Director of Student Services Hansmann's assistance, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch ("YBGR") has been identified as the most feasible CSCT provider for the coming year. Superintendent Korst also stated that Sapphire Community Health is interested in exploring the possibility of providing CSCT services in the future. Board member Apedaile asked whether YBGR would provide services remotely, or in the schools, to which Superintendent Korst replied that they would have local staffing with oversight in Billings or Missoula. Superintendent Korst also addressed Board member Seifert's question, noting that the agreement with YBGR would initially be for one year. Board member Gale Wyrick asked whether the District explored the co-op, or other local options and Superintendent Korst confirmed that the District did explore those options. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

H. Recommendation to Modify Facilities and Transportation Director Into Three Separate Midlevel Management Positions (Action)

Superintendent Korst stated that finding a candidate with all the requisite skills for a Director position in this area has been a challenge. Based on the available candidates, Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve splitting the Facilities and Transportation Director position into three mid-level management positions: 1) Transportation and Grounds Supervisor; 2) Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor; and HVAC Specialist, Deferred Maintenance, and Safe Schools Coordinator. Board member Campbell stated his support for this organizational structure. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

I. Recommendation to Hire Darren Crnich as the HVAC Specialist, Deferred Maintenance and Safe Schools Coordinator (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended hiring Darren Crnich as the HVAC Specialist, Deferred Maintenance, and Safe Schools Coordinator. He advised the Board that Mr. Crnich has previous school district experience and currently works for a military base.

Superintendent Korst confirmed that the Transportation and Grounds Supervisor and Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor support this hire. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

5. Policies and Procedures:

None at this time.

Public Comment:

There was no additional public comment.

The next Special Board Meeting will be held on June 29, 2021.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on July 13, 2021.